A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

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IN my laſt I ſtated the Sacred Original of GOVERNMENT, and Diſtinguiſh'd it from that *of Governours*; and this Diſtinction I promiſe my ſelf, will extend to the Thing I am upon —— *Viz.* That as is the Difference between *Government* and *Governours*, ſo is the Difference between *Abſolute* and *Conditional* Obedience, or to ſpeak in our Modern Phraſe, between *Reſiſtance* and *Non-Reſiſtance*.

Government may by no means, or on no *pretence whatſoever*, be Reſiſted.

Governours, when they pervert the Ends of Government, may be *Vigorouſly withſtood*, that is *Reſiſted*; *Vide* the London Clergy's Addreſs, *Gazette* N . . .

Our preſent Queen, and King *James*, her Majeſty's Royal Father, are Exemplifications of what I am now ſaying; the late King *James* leaving the direct Road of *Truth* and *Juſtice*, WHICH IS GOVERNMENT, and Wandring into the Labirynths of TYRANNY, which is deſcrib'd by *Arbitrary Power*, and very well deſcrib'd too, *might be withſtood*, or *Reſiſted*, and our *London* Clergy boaſt, they did *Vigorouſly and Succeſsfully* withſtand him, and they are in the right to own it, for it cannot

not be deny'd; and if her present Majesty should do *the same*, they tell her plainly they *will do so again*— For they say, They will withstand (Resist) the same Arbitrary Power, by what means soever (*nay tho' it were by your Majesty*) it should Attempt to return.

Turn we then to her present Majesty, Ruling by Law, giving the Reins to Justice, Preserving her Subjects Rights, Supporting their Liberties, Defending their Property ——— *To Resist her in this*, to withstand these, would be to RESIST, *not the Queen's Person*, but even *Government itself*, which is a Damnable Principle, and contrary to the whole Series of the Scripture—— There's Non-Resistance granted most readily, and as far as they dare ask for it; take it over again, thus.

Government may not be Resisted; Governours adhering to the true Rules of Government, and Governing Righteously, *MAY NOT be Resisted*; to Resist them in the due Execution of their just Power, is to Resist Government, and is against Reason and Scripture. Again, *Government MAY NOT* be Resisted, but *Governours MAY* ——— *That is*, Governours breaking the *Pacta Conventa* of Government, that rush in upon the Laws, rule over Justice, and against it, that Erect *Tyranny* in the Room of *publick Right*, and build upon the Ruins of their Subjects Liberties, these may be withstood, and happy are that People that do it *Vigorously* and *Successfully*, as the *London* Clergy say they did, and Value themselves upon it in their Adress most justly.

Now this explains the Address of the *London* Clergy more fully; They in one Place tell us, of their *Vigorously* and *Successfully* withstanding Arbitrary Power, and in the same Breath talk of her Majesty's *Irresistible Authority*; without the Distinction I have made above, I defie the whole Body of Logicians in *Europe*, to make any Construction of the Words, that can be but commonly Rational ——— To *Resist* and *not-Resist*, can no other Way consist together—— They are like *Solomon's Answer* and *Answer not* ——— *Answer the Fool*, and Answer not the Fool; Resist the Sovereign, and Resist not the Sovereign; the Case is as plain as Words can make it, *Resist* Tyranny, *withstand* Arbitrary Power; but the *just Prince* Ruling justly, obey in the Humblest, most devoted Submission, even for Conscience sake; to Resist him while acting justly, is not to Resist *him*, but *Government*, which is to Resist God himself, for Government is the Ordinance of God.

I wish any of our *Non-Resistance* Gentlemen, would calmly set me to Rights; *if this be not Right*, I would most thankfully submit to better Instruction—— Let them take this Doctrine of mine, and the Clergy of *London's* Address, and put them together —— Then let me see, what it is we differ about——

And here I must come a little closer to some Gentlemen, who are very fine with the Characters of the *Dissenters* in these Cases ——— That count a *Presbyterian* a Monster, a *Dissenter* and a Man of *Faction*, are with them the same Thing —— *Rebel* and *Presbyterian* are, *they say*, blended in their Nature——Let them go back with me to Ancient Times, and I'll prove to them two Things, that ought to silence them in this Case.

1. The Dissenters, or Schismaticks, or *Presbyterians* in *ENGLAND*, *call them what you will, we know you are plentiful in your ill Language*, never took up Arms against their Prince, but on the same Principles that the Church of *England* have done it, *a few Mad-Men, call'd fifth Monarchy Men, only excepted*; and to give my Adversary scope enough, I'll give him all the Civil Wars to make the best of.

2. The Church of *England* Men have as often taken up Arms, and Vigorously withstood their Princes, as the *Dissenters* have done.

3. The Church of *England* has gone farther in this, than ever the *Dissenters* have done, *by the last Address of the London Clergy*, for they have boldly told

told her Majesty, *They will do it again*, if ever *Arbitrary Power* Meditates a return.

This is very remarkable, I confess it is an extraordinary step, and in the *Dissenters* would have been call'd *Threatning their Sovereign*; I shall not call it so so, because I hope there is no Reason to suggest the return of *Arbitrary Power* in her Majesty's Time—— But I appeal to themselves, if it does not lay them open to the Suggestion? Let us look into the Address they have sign'd, the Words are these, *We shall not fail to manifest an equal Zeal against them, whenever, and by what means soever, they shall Meditate a return*; Now, Gentlemen, is there any Exception to the Queen here, any longer than while her Majesty refrains from the Thing? Is there any Profession of *Non-Resistance* to her Majesty? *No*, no; in Case the Queen should Meditate the return of Arbitrary Power, they promise, *I do not say Threaten*, they will not fail, Vigorously to withstand her; and what can any Republican Phanatical Pretender to Resistance say more?——*And indeed what can any Loyal Subject say less?*

The Clergy of London, have honestly born a Testimony against Dr. *Sacheverell*'s Sermon, *viz.* That Arbitrary Power, by what means soever, by Kings, Queens, Parliaments, pretended Laws, or by what ever other means it shall meditate a return upon us, *is to be Resisted*—— Is to be *Vigorously withstood*, it has been Vigorously and Successfully withstood by the Church of *England*, and it *will be so again*, *WHENEVER*, tho' *in this Queen's Reign*, and by *what means soever*, *be it* by a New Ministry or an Old, *be it* by any Hands, *not excepting the Queen herself*, it shall offer to return ——And really should these Gentlemen have excepted any Body, they had done a great deal of Wrong to the Queen's Father —— And some Personal Malice would have appear'd in the Revolution, which I never saw any Room for.

I do not at all see that *King James* was Resisted, *Qua James*; no Man pretended a personal Quarrel at the King, or to reject him as *King James*—— But it was the Popery, and the Arbitrary Power we all *withstood*, and therefore in the Recapitulation of his *Male-Government*, in the Claim of Right, there is not one Objection against his Person, no Dispute against his Title to the Crown; but the Quarrel was, *Religion* Invaded, *Popery* Introduc'd, *Liberty* Encroach'd upon, and *Tyranny* (*i. e.* Dispensing Power) Erected; these are Things the Clergy in their Address, very handsomly Sum up, in the Word *Arbitrary Power*, these they withstood, and boldly Resisted, and promise (*God give them Grace to keep their Words*) they will do it again, let who will Attempt the like, and they would appear very unjust to King *James*, if they should not.

And now, Gentlemen, do we differ any thing from you? Does the most Zealous Dissenter in *England* say more, or desire to say more?—— Let Fire from Heaven distinguish the Men from Beasts as that would Resist the Queen, or any Legal Sovereign after her Majesty, while they Govern according to the Laws and Statutes of the Realm—— While they preserve God's Rights, and the People's just Liberties, which they are sworn to Maintain; and if they do otherwise, if they Attempt to bring in Popery, or Arbitrary Power, the Honest and Reverend Clergy of *London* have plainly told them what they are to expect, *viz.* To be Vigorously withstood—— AMEN, I hope the whole Kingdom will join with them in it.

Let Dr. *Sacheverell* blush, when he reads this Address, and when he Confronts it with his own Sermon, let him put his Words, *The Illegality of Resistance on any pretence whatsoever*, against their *Vigorously withstanding Arbitrary Power*, and let him say, if the House of Lords have not justly Sentenc'd him, as one not fit to Preach any more, till he has given his Brains Three Years time to Cool in.

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REVIEW N° 71. page 229. Col. 2. l. 24. for *they an*, r. *they have an*; ibid l. 28. for *have have*, r. *have a*; ib. l. 31. for *so*, r. *to*. Review N° 72. p. 281. col. 1. l. 6. for *Indentity*, r. *Identity*; ib. col. 2. l. 8. for *Thing call'd Governours*, r. *Things call'd Governours*; p. 282. col. 2. l. 13. for *to the Rules*, r. *in Rules*; p. 283. col. 1. l. 38. for *Deuteronomy* 4. 14, r. *Leviticus* 25. 18. p. 284. col. 2. l. 5. for *the justly*, r. *they justly*.

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